

By forcing its affiliate stations to air the anti-Kerry film just days before the election, Sinclair Broadcasting's has misused the public airways. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Clearly this is not the case, unless of course they want to give free access and equal time to the Kerry side. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for them and less of what we need for our democracy.

It's important that we see more real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter than bi-partisan propoganda. True democracy allow for people to make up thier own minds.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them as has been done recently. The license renewal process needs to involve a thorough investigation into proper use of airways, not an easy route for the wealthy or well established status quo corporations.

Thank you for listening to my comments.